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Army Installations to Receive Higher Priority for Funding

The Army has begun implementing a new policy that will increase annual funding for installations. Army leaders have set a goal of funding installations at an annual rate of 90 percent of validated requirements for base operations services (BOS) and for sustainment, restoration and modernization (SRM). The Army will continue to program to the goal of 95 percent for SRM set by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The new policy will increase funding for installations. The Army Budget Office will distribute the funding in phases through the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management and the Installation Management Agency (IMA). Funds will come from other parts of the Army's budget as the Army identifies programs lagging in execution during its annual budget review. IMA will program the funds to provide infrastructure upgrades and services that have been most lacking during recent months.

The new 90-90 funding renews the Army's commitment to improving the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families. Funding installations to 90 percent of requirements provides a more predictable level of funding that gives garrison commanders more control in managing their communities.

Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey has placed well being and quality of life for Soldiers and families as the top priority for the Army, saying, "Soldiers are the centerpiece of our formations so nothing can be more important than a Soldier; nothing can be more important than the family."

"Our installations serve as our flagships of readiness," said Army Chief of Staff General Peter J. Schoomaker. "The environment in which our Soldiers train, our civilians work, and our families live plays a key role in attracting, recruiting, and retaining the high quality people the Army needs. To enhance combat effectiveness and enrich the workplace setting, we are reinforcing our commitment to our Army family."

"The Army leadership has made an important decision that recognizes the vital role installations play in the Global War on Terrorism," said IMA director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson. "This is the highest level of funding ever committed to installations, and it recognizes the need to give Soldiers and their families services and facilities equal to the service they give this nation."

IMA planners are working to execute the new funding for maximum impact on the installations. Funding will be released through a phased plan over the balance of this year and through an annual funding program for future years.